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THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 1034: See topic summary at http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1034.html

** ARGENTINA. 29810.02 kHz - LSB - Cadena Cien (Cien = 100), B.A., Argentina 3 MAY 2000, 1610-1800* (sign off) - fair/good signal (previously reported on 29810.2 with Radio Mitre) Frequent IDs and jingles like "99.9 Cadena Cien". The station is listed in WRTH as FM Cien, 99.9, Buenos Aires. Exact tuning is important for good reproduction of music. There is already a clearly noticeable distortion when you are tuned 10 Hz above or below the right frequency. GOOD DX, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** CANADA / VIETNAM. VOV relay via Sackville seemed back to normal UT May 5 after several nights of fill music; Vietnamese talk at 0207 check on 9695; 0224 Viet lessons presented in English. Pause 0227:30 to 0230, then real English program starting with item attacking criticism of Vietnam`s human rights record. So was the execution a factor or something else? 0353 recheck on 9795, English talk was suffering some constant feed dropouts (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. The call sign for that Camp X ham station this weekend is VC3CX, not VE3CX as mentioned in WOR 1034. (Ivan Grishin, Oshawa, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. My sounder "hunt" has determined that the new RCI sounder is being slowly integrated into the day. Although the old sounder was used as late as Thursday 0130 UTC in Spanish and 0155 in English (heard it on SW), the new one was being used at 0400 in English and on First Edition at 0500. (Ricky Leong, Quebec, May 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Hello, This Saturday, May 6 we have a special edition of Quirks and Quarks, the return of our ever popular Question Show. Ever wondered why yawning is contagious? Or what would happen to gravity if the Earth stopped spinning? What makes people left or right handed? Why does newspaper ink come off on my hands - but I can wash my windows clean with that same newspaper? And what would I see if I could travel through space at the speed of light? Well, wonder no more. Get all the answers to those and many more queries plus our

special feature, "Who Wants to Be a PhD?" That's Quirks & Quarks Saturday right after the noon news, on Radio One. Bob Quirks and Quarks 12:09 - 1:00pm on CBC Radio with host (Bob McDonald, CBC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From this week with NS Kitchen no long Partying, we expect Q&Q to be back on RCI Sat 2105 on 13650, 15325, 17820 et al.; as well as Sun 1205 on 17765 et al. (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1034, DXLD)

** CONGO. Hi, Huge signal tonight from Brazzaville on 5985 kHz. I just found out they have an English program, too (must be new): 5985 RTVC Brazzaville in F and E (1900-1915) with news, political commentary, interviews and above all, great African music, 1815-2045, excellent (S9+20), ID in E at 1913: ``this program is coming to you from Brazzaville``. 73, (Enzio Gehrig, Spain, May 1, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. HCJB has acquired some land for a possible new transmitter site, not necessarily the final choice, but very good and usable. It`s desert, just dirt and sand, on a peninsula, about 20 minutes east of the town of Salinas. The land in the middle of a field has been marked off with HCJB signs, but not yet fenced. This is a 12-hour drive from Quito, versus the present 35-45 minutes to Pifo, so possibly an airstrip would be put in if the site is used.

The new airport project, which would require HCJB to shut down Pifo, may be moving again, especially if the decision is taken out of the hands of the mayors of Quito and Guayaquil. The present mountain site has a high horizon, causing some problems in covering Brazil, and other coverage is patchy preventing some lower angles. On the coast, the horizon is flat all around, allowing better coverage. Pifo has the advantage of direct access to HCJB`s hydro plant at Papallacta. New site would be more dependent on national grid, and power would be more expensive. (Doug Weaver, HCJB Frequency Manager, and now also Acting Director of Engineering, interviewed on DX Partyline April 29, notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. Have just received the latest schedule from The Voice Of The Revolution Of Tigray along with a QSL. They are now on two frequencies with 10 kW, 5500 and 7515. Monday to Friday 0400-0500, 0930-1030, 1500-1900. Saturday/Sunday 0400-0900, 1100-1630 (Ian Cattermole, New Zealand, May 2, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 4910, La Voz de la Mosquitia. Here is the latest on this station, according to Randy Pelfrey, who is a missionary working with the station: ``The license for the station is still current but is not broadcasting at this time. Our plan is to return to Honduras sometime in July of 2001. We plan on starting the

station with new facilities and equipment. We have been in contact with several people in the States that are interested in being involved with this process. We will have the station back on the air as soon as possible after our return.`` (DIRECT Johnson Cumbre DX Copyright Apr 28 via DXLD)

** ITALY. Rai, 0050 English to NAm on 6010, 11800, and still announces 9675 but that has been nil for a few weeks now (Bob Thomas, CT, April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan (Kurdish: era dangi kurdistana iraqiya; Arabic: sawt kurdistan al-iraq, sawt al-hizb al-dimuqrati al-kurdistani al-iraqi) broadcasts in support of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) led by Mas'ud Barzani, from Salah al-Din in Iraqi Kurdistan. The KDP says the radio station was established in September 1963. A service to Europe was introduced on 27th April 1995. The KDP also operates Kurdistan Television, KTV, which broadcasts on several VHF and UHF channels in Iraqi Kurdistan. This schedule is based on monitoring observations. Frequencies and times of broadcasts are subject to change. Broadcasts may be one hour LATER in WINTER. UK Address: KDP Press Office, PO Box 7725, London SW1V 3ZD, UK. Tel: +44-20-7498 2664 (UK). Alt Tel : +871(or+873) 761610320 (Iraq). Fax: +44-20-7498 2531 (UK). Alt Fax: +871(or+873) 761610321 (Iraq). E-mail: kdppress@aol.com
Web Site: http://www.kdp.pp.se/

0245-0300	Daily	SORANI KURDISH	4.085	9.495	91.5 93.3
0300-0400	Daily	ARABIC	4.085	9.495	91.5 93.3
0400-0500	Daily	SORANI KURDISH	4.085	9.495	91.5 93.3
1445-1630	Daily	SORANI KURDISH	4.085	9.495	91.5 93.3
1630-1730	Daily	ARABIC	4.085	9.495	91.5 93.3

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** KURDISTAN. Voice of the People of Kurdistan (Kurdish: ``aira dangi gelli kurdistana``, Arabic: ``sawt sha'b kurdistan``) is the official radio station of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) led by Jalal Talabani. It broadcasts from Sulaymaniyah in Iraqi Kurdistan. According to the radio's web site, it was established in 1979 under the name "Voice of the Iraqi Revolution" and adopted the current name in 1983. PUK web site: http://www.puk.org E-mail: puk@puk.org

0215-0600	Daily	MULTILINGUAL (SORANI KURDISH/ ARABIC)	1.206	4.060	6.995
1400-1900	Daily	MULTILINGUAL	1.206	4.060	6.995

	(SORANI KURDISH/ ARABIC)			
1945-2045 Daily	SORANI KURDISH	1.206	4.060	6.995

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** MONACO. La frequenza d'onda media di 702 kHz, di Radio Montecarlo, viene utilizzata durante la notte dalla RAI, in sostituzione della frequenza di 846 kHz temporaneamente inagibile a causa della chiusura del trasmettitore di Santa Palomba. A partire dalle 2200 UTC viene ritrasmesso il "Notturno Italiano". (Franco Probi, Radio Incontro May 4 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Glenn, Re your question in DXLD 60, my technical colleagues inform me that the generators we currently have (which are hired) can run two 250kW transmitters at full power, and a third transmitter at reduced power. They do not have as much generating capacity as we had before. But this is only a temporary situation. New generators have been ordered, which I'm told will increase the generating capacity from 2.5MW before the fire to 4.5MW. I don't know about the DRM tests: our first priority was to restore full programme service to our listeners.

BTW perhaps you can clarify in the next DXLD that the comments I made about Bonaire's status were made in response to a post by Joe Buch, and I appended the usual disclaimer that the opinions are mine, not necessarily those of Radio Netherlands. I have tried as far as possible to separate personal opinion from information postings. For the latter, when I am simply passing on information from RN, I do not append the disclaimer. It's confusing, but necessary. 73, (Andy Sennitt, [no disclaimer] May 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Hello, Mr. Kool stated that the new generators can serve *two* transmitters. The schedule on your website shows for 9845 0130-0325 still Flevo while Bonaire operates 6165 and 15315; 9590 0430-0530 is listed as still Antigua with Bonaire on 6165 and 15565. But contrary in the 1100-1125 and 2030-2225 ranges Bonaire is again showed to run all *three* transmitters. You can certainly comprehend that I am rather confused... Kind regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, to Andy Sennitt)

Kai, There are no more RN transmissions from Antigua. The 0430 English is indeed from Bonaire. I missed a couple of lines when updating the schedule. We can operate three transmitters at Bonaire simultaneously, but not all at full power. This could be 2 x 250 kW and 1 x 100 kW or 3 x 200 kW. Those decisions are made locally in Bonaire. We always list the power as 250 kW, even though it may be a bit less. You would hardly notice the difference between 200 and 250 kW in the target area. When the new generators are installed in a few

weeks, we will have a generating capacity of 4.5 MW instead of 2.5 MW, so everything can be run safely at full power. Please don't be confused. Leave that to the people who run the station :-) 73, (Andy Sennitt to and via Kai Ludwig, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [non]. Glenn, Regarding your comment about pre-echo on RVI 15565, although Bonaire did return to the air at 2130 UTC on 29 April, it was operating only on those frequencies which had not been moved elsewhere - precisely to avoid the situation you describe! Those were the frequencies temporarily in red on our Web schedule. I have a copy of the operating schedule followed by Bonaire, and the RVI transmission was not on it. So we plead not guilty :-) 73, (Andy Sennitt, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. El radioaficionado colombiano JosÈ Soto - (HK2-IWI) desde Barrancas, reporta haber captado el 08/04/00 en la frecuencia de los 7.040 KHz a Radio Costa Azul a las 23:30 UTC con un programa de Cumbia Peruana, desconociendose la localidad desde donde emite. (Cadena Dx. YV2-FSW). El 19/04/00 a las 23:15 UTC pude sintonizar a la emisora mas no identificarla debido a interferencias de radioaficionados y ruidos est·ticos, cerrando a las 00:35 UTC con el himno nacional del Peru. (Santiago San Gil, Venezuela). En el boletÌn ConexiÛn Digital de Argentina No. 49 del 02/04/00, Rafael Orlando RodrÌguez R. en Colombia, reporta que en la frecuencia 7.040,3 KHz ha captado varias emisoras peruanas - como: Radio San Ignacio, Radio MelodÌa y ˙ltimamente EstaciÛn J Doble C de Huacabamba perteneciente a CÈsar Colunche Bustamante. øSera Radio Costa Azul una nueva adquisiciÛn de este seÒor? (Editor, Banda Tropical, CDXA Mayo via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. GTRK "Murman" (Murmansk) has been broadcasting on 5930 kHz for many years, with a very poor signal here in Europe. But now it can be heard twice a week with good reception with a relay of their ``Radiostantsiya Atlantika`` programme for seafarers, on Tuesday and Friday at 0810-0900 on 4429, 6510, 17266 kHz, all upper sideband mode. (per Irkutsk DX Circle). http://www.irkutsk.com/radio/russia.htm A good-quality clip of this can be heard on the Interval Signals Archive at http://www.intervalsignals.com What you'll hear is: 1. GTRK Murman interval signal 2. Time check 3. Radiostansiya Atlantika interval signal 4. Programme intro. Regards, (Dave Kernick, hard-core-dx May 3 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Radio 1 longwave to close on 10th May

Russia's old station Radio 1 has been allowed to stay on the air on longwave until 10th May and to complete the broadcasting of its Victory Day festive programmes, Voice of Russia's "DX Club" reported.

On 11th May, the station will go into receivership as bankruptcy procedures will be launched. However, the authorities have allowed the station to continue broadcasting on VHF (66-73 MHz). This means that Radio 1 will still be able to reach listeners in Moscow and Moscow Region and that the team of the radio journalists will be able to keep their jobs, the report added. Source: Voice of Russia web site, Moscow, in Russian 3 May 00 (BBC Monitoring via DXLD)

WRTH lists a number of transmitters on 171 kHz, none actually as Moscow, but Elektrostal (what a name) is in the Moscow Region. Plus some more on 234 and 252 kHz. Evidently the entire network will be closing on LW; will some other stations grab up the frequencies? Re 171 see also UKRAINE below (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. I heard R. Damascus, English at 2000 on 12085 but not 13610 (Bob Thomas, CT, April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. What`s going on with R. Taibei International? Their website http://www.cbs.org/tw/english would not work when checked May 3 and 5, and I hear that their E-mail does not get through either (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST) [Oops, a typo above, but it still does not work as: http://www.cbs.org.tw/english]

** U K. Starting UT May 5, BBC WS has a redesigned website http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice which initially seems easier to navigate; a particular ``Europe and World Service 2 Online`` programme schedule, all times GMT!!! is now associated with one audio stream, tho it shows the whole week, Saturday through Thursday being somewhat obsolete when viewed on Friday (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Further to your report on this ``new`` station [Flat Earth Radio] it appears that a large part of this is a relay of Virgin Radio's Saturday afternoon domestic broadcasting. The first part is a phone-in with former England Coach Terry Venables, the second part is live football score updates interspersed with Rock music (I've a feeling you'd Love this show Glenn!). If you're interested in English & Scottish football then it's a far better way of keeping up to date than the dreadful BBC. (Nicholas Mead, UK, May 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. To close a chapter in radio history, here is the text of the last message broadcast by Portishead Radio:

``CQ de GKB2/4/5/6. This is the last broadcast from Portishead Radio. For 81 years we have served the maritime community. We say thank you to all those who have supported and used our station. We pay tribute to Marconi who made it all possible. His first transmissions were

made near here, and so started the radio era. We are proud to have been part of that era. As this historic time in the commercial messaging world comes to a close, the Manager and Radio Officers wish you farewell from Portishead Radio. GKB AR VA``. (Radio Society of Great Britain GB2RS News, posted May 4, via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Regarding the Lviv-Krasne site, not only the shortwave transmitter is silent but also co-located longwave 171, leaving Sasnovy/Belarus with Radio Odin in the clear, so indeed the power supply company has evidently pulled the plug. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. A heartfelt Open Letter to the Director of VOA, by a Czech editor about to lose his job, may be read at http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/voaltr.txt (World of Radio 1034, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ####